

THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

NW Football

Junior quarterback Blake Bolles and sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy were named first team All-American by D2football.com on Monday.

Senior running back LaRon Council, Junior offensive lineman Brett Grozinger and senior safety Myles Burnside were named to the second team.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma received another coach of the year award.

Lecture Series

Harold Ford Jr., the chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council and an MSNBC analyst, will speak as part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series.

The lecture is free and open to the public, and will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Mary Linn Auditorium.

COMMUNITY

Catholic Schools

St. Gregory Catholic School will be honoring Catholic Schools Week from Saturday to Friday.

The school will be holding a variety of activities throughout the week, ranging from a soup and chili dinner following the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday to community service projects on Monday.

BEARCATS

**Saturday**

-Women's Basketball vs. Fort Hays State, 1:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena

-Men's Basketball vs. Fort Hays State, 3:30 p.m. at Bearcat Arena

-Track and Field at the Doane Janvrin Multi Events in Crete, Neb.

**Sunday**

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**Wednesday**

-Women's Basketball vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 5:30 p.m. in Omaha, Neb.

-Men's Basketball vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 7:30 p.m. in Omaha, Neb.

SPOOFHOUNDS

**Thursday**

-Wrestling vs. Mt. Ayr (Iowa), Bedford (Iowa), Lenox (Iowa) and Pleasantville, 5:30 p.m. at Mt. Ayr, Iowa

-Boy's Basketball vs. East Buchanan, 5 p.m. at Maryville High School

**Friday**

-Girl's Basketball vs. Savannah, 5 p.m. at Savannah High School

**Saturday**

-Wrestling at Quad State Classic, 10 a.m. at Maryville High School

**Tuesday**

-Boy's Basketball vs. Bishop LeBlond, 5 p.m. at Maryville High School

CORRECTIONS

Last week the caption under the photo that ran with the story on Feral cats stated that the cats on campus were adoptable. According to University police officer Kristina Martinez they are not. They are actually not safe to handle and are routinely vaccinated and spayed or neutered for safety.

STALKING PREVENTION

“Stalkers are very resourceful in obtaining information”

-Charlotte Gunsolley



Internet enhances stalking capabilities

By Austin Buckner  
News Editor

Advancements in technology have allowed the human race to communicate with one another easier and more effectively than ever before. According to Charlotte Gunsolley, Victim Advocate at the Children & Family Center of Northwest Missouri, they've also made the art of stalking easier and more effective, as well.

"Stalkers are very resourceful in obtaining information," Gunsolley said. "If you're not very careful about protecting your information, it can end up on the

internet. All a stalker would have to do is go online and find where you live. It's very easy."

Gunsolley went on to explain how it is easy for stalkers to find a victim's location using a telephone number and a variety of Web sites.

According to a report conducted by the Stalking Resource Center in June 2009, over 3.4 million Americans over the age of 18 are stalked every year. Of those 3.4 million people, roughly 25 percent of stalking victims are stalked using technology-based tools such as E-mail, text messaging and

social networking sites. This number is believed to have risen since the study was conducted.

Sheriff Darren White says Nodaway County is doing everything they can to prevent and protect from stalking, including the training of officers to adapt to online crimes.

"Nodaway County is now part of the Western Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force which encompasses 26 counties in Northwest Missouri," White said. "This task force deals specifically with technology crimes. Being a part of that task force, I have two

deputies I've been sending to training so we can have some people within this department that have a little more knowledge about dealing with those crimes."

Many online social networking sites have employed protective measures for preventing cyber stalking. Both Facebook and Myspace, for example, allow users to select which areas of information are able to be viewed by strangers.

According to Facebook's privacy policy, administrators of the popular social

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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

FCA sees growth on campus

By Philip Gruenwald  
Chief Reporter

For over 30 years, Northwest's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been linking the Gospel with goalposts, the Bible with basketball and the Word with Wimbledon. But their new-for-this-year internship program is poised to take campus evangelism all the way to the end zone.

Student Intern Trevor Nashleanas, fifth year Senior and wide receiver and Chaplain, looks at the '09-'10 school year as

a fresh start for the FCA organization.

"Last semester, our change was who we are and what we are about. We had to define what is the focus on what we believe, defining that as Jesus and his finished work on the cross," Nashleanas said. "Our focus this spring is how do we effectively and lovingly make that known to the athletes on campus, inviting them to become who we are."

The first intern at FCA was Jeremy Davis, whose term began and ended with the Fall 2009 trimes-

ter. Before then, the FCA team comprised of roughly 30-40 people. Under the supervision of Davis, the current, tighter leadership team was formed and has been moving forward since.

Nashleanas' internship began at the beginning of January. Maturing and growing in Christ is the overall aim of FCA and their team.

"People look at it as Trevor stepping in for me, but I've been

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JEREMY DAVIS, FORMER FCA student intern, inspires FCA attendees about the relationship between sports and God's word.

STUDENT SERVICES

University shares ideas with British sister school

By Philip Gruenwald  
Chief Reporter

Two seemingly dissimilar cultures met underneath an umbrella of educational progress last week on Northwest's own campus. Four representatives from the prestigious Birmingham City University in the United Kingdom spent two days learning about Northwest's advances in student employment, community atmosphere and electronic learning. They returned home imbued with new ideas and a broader perspective.

"There might be a way, if you live here and you're in the middle of this University, that some things are so embedded in what you do that they're not obvious to you. But if you come from somewhere else, what you see here is truly astonishing," Stuart Brand, Birmingham City University director of learning and teaching said.

Northwest coordinator of Student Employment, Paula McLain, orchestrated the visit. Amidst a stacked schedule of meetings, speakers and panels was a tour of the main epicenters of Student Employment.

"It's pretty well known in the UK that the Northwest Student Employment program is somewhat of interest," McLain said. She explains that student employment in general is foreign to those from the UK, making last week's visit somewhat of a regularity for Northwest.

"[The Birmingham City University visitors] said that 'Little ol' Maryville' is well-known in the UK, and we should consider that as an honor. And we definitely do," McLain said.

Northwest's Student Employment program currently includes 950 employees, of the 1,250 positions available. These remarkable figures don't include campus employment powerhouse Aramark, who tallies their students separately. But Northwest's recognition doesn't hinge on its numbers *per se*. This is a case of quality and quantity.

"Our program is unique within the United States because of the career path-

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FUNDRAISER



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BRANDON CLARK, IFC, and Jameson Hutchison, a Delta Chi member, assist a fellow Northwest student in making a donation to support the Haiti disaster.

Students lend a hand

By Trey Williams  
Asst. News Editor

All this week Students Taking Action Through Service has been putting on a fundraiser for Haiti that will continue through Friday.

Students and faculty alike have been donating money, clothes, shoes, can goods, anything to help the people still suffering from the massive earthquake that hit Port-au-Prince,

Haiti Jan. 12.

STATS is an organization that motivates inner city high school students to apply and attend college. They also try to help in any way they can when they see others in need.

"The first, day we were here for an hour and 15 minutes and we raised \$165," STATS Secretary, Montoya Lucas said.

Briana Williams, who sets up fundrais-

ers for STATS, said she could not believe that people would just donate money without actually buying the baked goods they were selling.

"Some people just gave 20 dollars," Williams said. "It's been really touching, I didn't know people would just give."

STATS also held a mixer, "Time to Help", Saturday, They asked

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WELLNESS CENTER

# Expo teaches students healthy lifestyles

By Cassie Thomas  
Chief Reporter

Students got the chance to see what the wellness center is all about on Wednesday.

Wellness center employees, as well as a group of peer educators worked together to put on the first ever Health and Wellness Expo at the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Students were able to learn about topics such as eating disorders, body image, self-esteem, gen-

eral wellness and nutri-tion.

Beau Dooley and Leslie Bowman worked together with the Well-ness Center staff to pre-pare for this event.

"I feel like everyone I've worked with has been really open to this event. We scheduled rooms early enough in advance and have been on the radio and put out press releases," Bowman said.

The purpose of this event is to let students know what the Wellness

Center offers as well as providing the staff with an opportunity to interact with students beyond those who come in sick.

"The main goal of the day is to expose students to new information about health and wellness, as well as for the nurses and other staff to get out and connect with the stu-dents," Dooley said.

The COMPASS peer educators worked to gather information for the booths set up near the food court since the fall

trimester.

COMPASS is a group of students who work to increase awareness of general wellness and issues that get in the way of healthy life-style choices.

Vince Shisler, a COM-PASS advisor, looked forward to students getting to witness the rewards of their work as they sat at the booths and promoted the information.

"What I'm most excited about is seeing the students share what

they're passionate about and help their peers," Shisler said.

Presentations deliv-ered by Wellness Center counselors took place on the third floor. When these presentations were not going on in the room it was set up as a relaxing area for students to get away from the stresses of everyday life.

Dooley and Bowman hope that this event is able to grow from this first year and possibly become an annual event.



LPN LEANNE CARMICHAEL looks over Beau Dooley's hands with a Wood-lamp during the Health Expo in the J.W Jones Student Union on Wednesday. The Woodlamp shows how much bacteria is left on your hands even after you wash them.

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photography editor

BEARCAT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

# Workshops opportunity to learn leadership skills

By Austin Buckner  
News Editor

Students will get an opportu-nity to learn new leadership tech-niques at the Bearcat Leadership Training conference Saturday.

"Our aim is to educate our students in leadership," Leader-ship Graduate Assistant Beyza Aydar said. "If they have leader-ship skills already, we want them to leave the conference with more enhanced skills."

One of the most beneficial elements of the BLT, Aydar believes, is the opportunity for leaders of various on-campus clubs and organizations to use the conference as a networking tool.

"The students will get to meet other campus leaders," Aydar said. "They will learn about the resources on campus. For example, Student Senate will

host a session about how other organizations could utilize from them – money wise or through donations."

The event is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and will last until 5 p.m. Saturday , and is highlighted with presentations by Marketing and University Relations Vice President Dr. Tim McMahon and Northwest Alumni Association President Neil Neumeyer.

The conference will be filled with workshops covering a number of topics ranging from the principles of leadership and event planning to the advantage of team working and goal set-ting.

As of Tuesday, around 100 Northwest students had regis-tered to attend the conference. Aydar said a large number of the students registered hold leader-ship positions on campus, but all

students are invited to attend.

"You don't have to have leadership experience to attend this conference," Aydar said. "I would say, so far, the majority of the people registered are cam-pus leaders, but we also have freshmen, Academy students and students with no leadership experience. Each level of students will find something beneficial for themselves."

Aydar encourages all stu-dents to become campus leaders and get involved with on campus activities.

"We want students to have exposure to leadership experi-ence and learn the traits a good leader should possess," Aydar said. "So at least they will be exposed to it and maybe they can start thinking about getting involved on campus because it is one of the best experiences college students can have."

FACULTY ART EXHIBIT



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SCULPTURE PROFESSOR GLENN Williams' sculpture sits in the Deluce Art Gallery in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts building for the Faculty Art Show. It holds pottery, sculptures, drawings and painting all done by Northwest Art Professors.



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TEXTING AND DRIVING

Senator looks to expand bill to all ages

By Matthew Leimkuehler  
Chief Reporter

Driving down the highway, you feel your phone vibrate in your pocket. You fumble to retrieve it, realizing it is a text message. You then look down to read the message, taking your hands off the wheel to conjure a reply. You look down, typing out your reply, taking your eyes off traffic. The reply is sent, you return your hands to the wheel and your eyes to the traffic.

Drivers all throughout the state go through these exact motions every time they get behind the wheel, whether it is legal for them to do so or not. The current law in Missouri states that it's illegal for anyone age 21 or under to text and drive simultaneously.

Many legislators question the age limit on the texting and driving ban, causing a new bill to now arrive in Missouri Congress, editing the law to

where it is illegal for anyone in the state of Missouri to text and drive.

State Senator and bill sponsor Ryan McKenna is searching for justice with the new bill, as he questioned the age restriction with the original ruling.

"When it got to a conference committee the House of Representatives put an age restriction on it, and I was unhappy about it," McKenna said, referring to the original texting and driving law.

Missouri Congress's logic behind the age restriction was that studies have shown 16 to 21 year olds are 70 percent more likely to text and drive, according to McKenna.

"I felt like it was bad public policy for Missouri to basically say if you're 22 or older it's okay. In my opinion, texting and driving isn't okay no matter what age you are," McKenna said. "It'd be like when I started driving back

in the late 80's and we had miniature typewriters and we started typing while were driving a car. It would have been absurd."

Students at Northwest take the prospect of a new law with a seemingly cold shoulder. Freshmen Nikki Hindman and Ashlynn Raine both claim guilty of texting and driving, when they feel the time is appropriate.

"I do it out of necessity. If I'm driving long distances I don't text and drive. If it's bad weather I don't text and drive," Hindman said. "If I know that I have a grasp of looking at the road as well as functioning on my cell phone, I will."

Raine has a confident outlook on the topic.

"I usually text because I'm bored, I don't have a problem doing it. I pay just as much attention to the road," Raine said.

Although these two stu-

dents do break the law when texting and driving, they both support the law.

"Driving while texting is a statistically unsafe situation, there's more instances of it not being safe then it being safe," Hindman said.

According to McKenna, the bill should be passed sometime in the year 2010. If the bill is passed and texting while driving becomes illegal for everyone, the issue that becomes present is how to enforce the law stronger.

"I probably won't stop, in all honesty. Until I get caught I'm going to be really skeptical of being caught. I don't know how they'll control it," Raine said. "I get pulled over I have time to even shut my phone off before the officer gets to my car."

If the bill passes, it will then be time for law enforcement to step in and begin taking action against texting while driving.

JAVA JOINT



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BOB WALKENHORST AND Jeff Porter jam out at the Java Joint on Saturday night. Java Joint will host live music throughout February.

Local cafe fights to survive during economic slump

By Cassie Thomas  
Chief Reporter

Maryville has many attributes that contribute to its uniqueness as a small Midwestern town.

Founded in March 2009 by Stephanie Shea-Sledge, the Java Joint, is not meant simply to cater to college students, it is meant for the community as well.

"There's a lot of unique attributes that attract the community – the local art, local music, live music, the coffee bar. Also, I have free Wi-Fi so a lot of people come in here to study or to work," Sledge said.

Elise Jones, a local musician, identifies Java Joint's atmosphere as mellow and calming.

"Stephanie has really created a home away from home for me by bringing the Java Joint to Maryville. I always feel so welcome when I walk in," Jones said.

To many local musicians,

the Java Joint has become a very comfortable place to perform and interact with others.

Jones will be performing along with Mike Martin and Ben Schrag on Feb. 26 in an event called "A Triple Shot of Acoustic Music."

There is no cover charge for this event; however, people are encouraged to make a five dollar donation to the Java Joint to help Sledge keep the coffee bar open through the rough economic times.

"The most challenging thing is getting [Java Joint] through the economic fall," Sledge said. "Honestly, the biggest positive thing is that I've met a lot of people who want to help me get on my feet—I'm still a new business. Java Joint is still growing even though it's struggling."

Java Joint also offers weekly events to the community. Thursdays, musicians are invited to share their talents in an open mic night starting at 9 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

Officials look to define 'family' for students living in R-2 zones

By Trey Williams  
Chief Reporter

The City of Maryville is planning to clear up guidelines for how many unrelated people can live under one roof.

City Council addressed a problem concerning more than two unrelated residents living in single-family zones. There is a maximum of two unrelated persons in a home allowed.

City Manager, Matt LeCerc

does not mind students living within the family zones.

"I have five people living next door to me, as long as you don't wake my kids and destroy my property we're not going to have any problems," LeCerc said. "I understand, I used to be in college."

The main discussion surrounding zoning was the need for a definition of a family.

"As wanting to be a welcoming town to college students, we owe them a definition," council member Pat

Cummings said.

No solution was posed after discussion, but the Planning and Zoning Committee is in charge of defining a family and accessory rentals.

The council discussed adding to the number of days people will be able to shoot off fireworks on New Years Eve and the Fourth of July.

"My concern is that a lot of people celebrate the Fourth of July on July 3 and July 5," Mayor Chad Jackson said. "So why don't we just give a little

bit of flexibility."

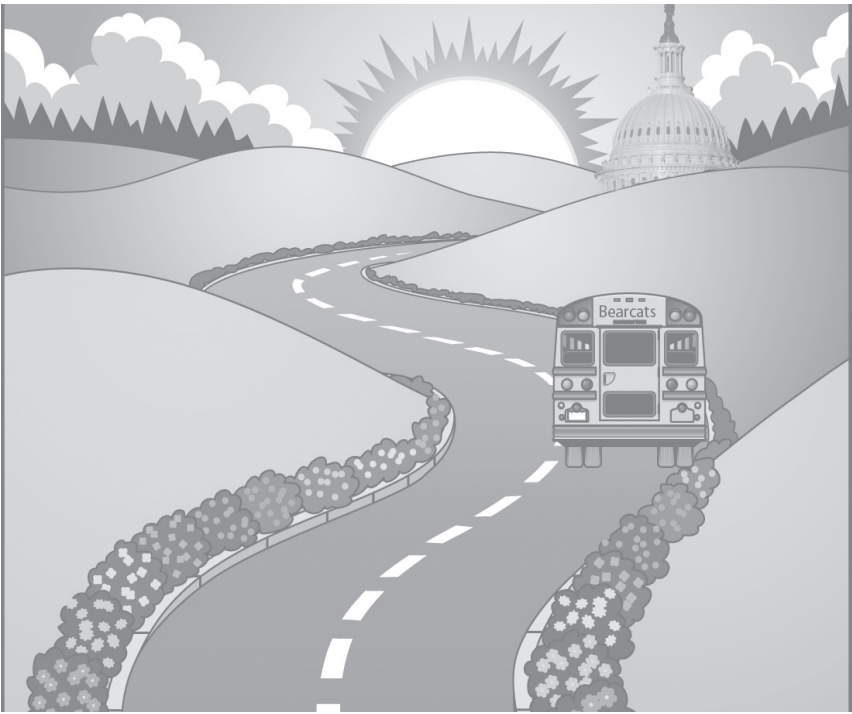
The only objection came from council member Cummings who took into account the city's wildlife that may be frightened by the fireworks.

"Every year, this costs the lives of animals in town," Cummings said. "If you talk to the vets, there are animals that die of fright every year."

The council came to an agreement to get people's views and opinions on whether to extend the time frame for fireworks or not.

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OUR VIEW

# Organizations, students should take advantage of leadership event

Current Northwest students are a large part of the “what now” generation. With increased competitiveness in the job market and a terrible economy for people who are searching for decent work that pays enough, students graduate from college and are left to question the next step. Unfortunately, many people fresh out of school lack real-world experience and are untrained in effective leadership roles in the work place. Northwest is aiming to remedy this.

The Bearcat Leadership Training conference, a series of workshops packed into a one-day event, will present many relevant topics to all Northwest students and organizations and effective ways to carry out leadership roles specifically. The first thing that comes to mind when we think of leadership is motivating people to carry forth a plan of action in the most productive way. However, to accomplish this, several factors must be taken into consideration.

First, we must think of the people that are being led or motivated. What type of personality does a coworker have and how does a leader communicate to produce the most effective work or arrangement? Cultural aspects must be respected, an increasingly important factor in an age of globalization and diversity. Every person comes from a different background, culture or set of beliefs. How are we to promote teamwork while promoting diversity of the

individual members within a group? If conflict arises, which it will, how are we to deal with this and come up with a solution that is beneficial for everybody and the group as a whole? This conference, the first of its kind at Northwest, will hopefully answer these questions, which are pertinent to every member of the Bearcat community. Not only do these workshops guide individual students and organizations into leading effectively and

actively, they also act as a way to develop contacts and relationships among students. This is a great way for current students in leadership roles to communicate with each other. And (let’s face it) who you know is a vital aspect in the initial job hunt when the fresh-from-the-boat student lacks adequate experience. Networking might not just take place between students or leaders, but it could also occur between organizations and Student Senate. This is a great opportunity for orga-

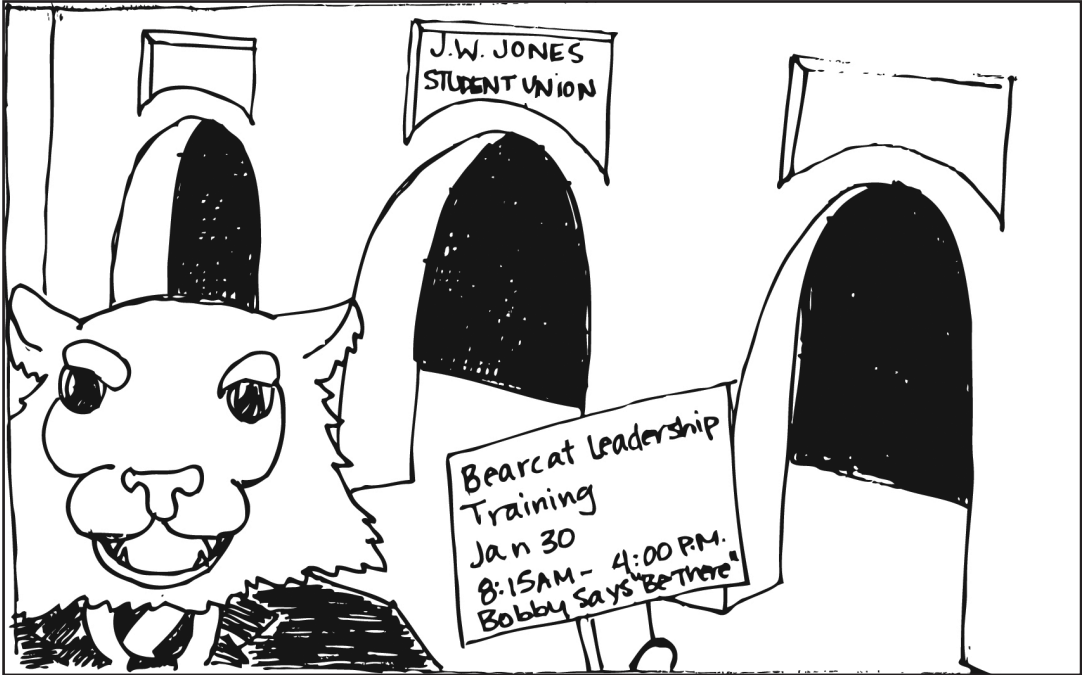
nizations to appeal to Senate in order to voice concerns or gain much-needed resources, whether that includes funding or for other leaders to promote an issue or event. All in all, the University’s initiative to better Northwest students in leadership areas is a positive and necessary step, especially in a time that is encompassed by so much uncertainty. It now remains up to the students to stop asking “what now” and take advantage of this opportunity.

## WHAT THE DEUCE

After the horrific tragedy in Haiti, many well-known celebrities are rallying around various humanitarian organizations, donating personally and urging fans to contribute as well. However, this is not what caught our attention the most.

According to ABC News, Charlie Simpson, a 7-year-old boy from London, raised more than \$100,000 in one day by riding his bike around a park. Donations went to a United Nation’s children fund. UNICEF and various non-governmental related organizations are raising money for water, nutrition, child protection, sanitation, shelter and other relief-related causes. Northwest’s home page has links for students to help with aiding the humanitarian cause. We urge our readers to use Charlie Simpson as an example, and give as much as possible.

## CARTOON



## MY VIEW

# Biblical inscriptions unnecessary on rifle sights

Trijicon, a company that provides defense material to the United States military, has been inscribing biblical references on rifle scopes for more than 20 years. I have two issues with this.

First, as for the move for separation of religion and state in the U.S., this is obviously a problem.

While there is no such thing as true separation due to our Judeo-Christian foundation, the modern history of the United States has been moving in the direction of respecting all faiths, not just Christianity (i.e. we don’t establish unless for historical aspects).

Proponents of the weapons will cite U.S. currency as support. However, this is relatively different from the currency issue because of the context of the times. The original design of currency was during this foundational period, whereas the past 20 years is not within this foundational context.

I can’t speak for United States military personnel or Christians, but I wouldn’t want to read a reference to Jesus Christ or to a passage that discusses the right of life while taking the life of another, even if it is for a just cause. If I am



Kathleen Wilmes  
Opinion Editor

going to be waging war, trust me, I don’t want to be reminded of Jesus Christ.

Raised as a Catholic and educated for nine years in a Catholic school, I was taught at an early age that the views of government profit and the luxurious state, modern imperialism if you will, contradict the views of Jesus Christ. To put these references of the New Testament on material used for war is a slap in the face to modern practices and beliefs of Christianity, as well as to those who do not hold Christianity as their religion of choice.

Religion and the state do not mix because they hold two very different views that conflict with one another, one of profit at any cost to another, the other of general goodwill and personal fulfillment.

As a government, we want our soldiers to primarily bear the burden of our state, not the burden of religion. If I have a question on the art of war, I’ll ask a military expert. If I have a question on religion, I’ll ask a priest. I certainly won’t be asking my rifle for either.

Second, as to the political

consequences in the international community, the United States should not walk on egg shells. However, we shouldn’t intentionally throw gasoline on an already raging fire.

I saw an article by Greg Gutfeld, which read, “Our soldiers usually shoot terrorists well before they get close enough to see these bible references, anyway. That alone should prevent hurt feelings.”

While it is true that our soldiers will hopefully dispose of a threat before that person can get close enough to read a reference on the rifle, it is untrue that the entire Islamic faith or every Muslim is at war with the United States.

Making the enemy a demon is a common and accepted practice in waging war. However, we must keep in mind that what we are waging war against is extremist-based terrorism, not the Islamic faith nor an Islamic state. As a country that must have relations with governments founded upon Islamic tenets, do we really want to make it seem as if we are at war with their faith?

When waging war, we must worry about keeping our soldiers safe and our allies close. Biblical inscriptions on rifle sights do not aid in either.

## MY VIEW

# Political opportunity exists in crisis situations

Recently, several mainstream media figures have criticized President Obama for “politicizing” the Haiti earthquake response. Two weeks ago, Rush Limbaugh claimed the Haiti disaster



Chris Edwards  
Contributing Columnist

was “made to order” for Obama, and his accelerated relief efforts were an effort to boost his credibility with the “light-skinned and dark-skinned black community in this country.” Beyond being crude and distasteful, Limbaugh’s comments deserve deeper consideration.

For years now, media figures have been seizing and gesticulating over this idea of “politicization,” and the assumption our elected leaders will do anything to turn human suffering into political capital. Is this a fair assumption? Is it reasonable to assume government officials value the power of office more than the perseverance of man?

As much as we might not like it, there is something inherently political about disasters. They demand profound and immediate action from our leaders. Without a swift influx of food and supplies, things like starvation and disease will quickly spread throughout an affected populace. Shelters must be established, and there has to be a way to transport citizens to safer ground. Non-governmental organizations can only do so much.

To date, the U.S. govern-

ment has provided more than \$170 million in direct humanitarian aid to the people of Haiti. Thousands of troops are on the ground, and former Presidents Clinton and Bush are working together

to provide additional relief. If the Obama administration benefits from these efforts, it should be seen as a sign of validation. Political expediency is great, but it is not an acceptable explanation for everything our politics may produce.

If we cannot expect a measure of moral accountability from our leaders, aren’t we the ones who need to stop politicizing disasters? As long as the voting public and the elite media continue to advance this false dichotomy, our citizenry will fail to understand the practicality of crisis.

This choice of words may seem rather callous and cruel, but any pragmatist can see the opportunity that exists during times like these. The Great Chicago Fire and the Great Sichuan Earthquake are two examples of a local economy thriving in the face of incredible adversity.

In a world filled with suffering, disasters provide a rare opportunity to affect positive change through donations and volunteerism. Crisis situations also allow citizens to reevaluate their leaders. Maybe it is time for us to trust the conscience within and to believe one still resides within our politicians.

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# Are you satisfied with America’s response to the disaster in Haiti?



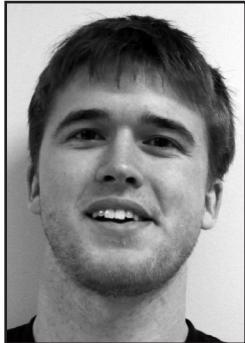
“I do believe the U.S. is doing well with their relief efforts. It is very hard for a country to continue to provide for itself, let alone another country, so any help that we are able to provide is sufficient.”

Alex Libby  
Sociology



“Most people’s hearts are in the right place, but nobody really knows what to do. I wish informal efforts were more coordinated and do-gooders would feel comfortable donating money instead of goods, because it goes a lot further.”

Abby Stephens  
Sociology



“I feel indifferent about the relief efforts in Haiti. I am happy that we are making such a strong effort, yet I wish we could give this much attention to other issues within our nation.”

Todd Sexton  
Pre-Professional Zoology



“I feel that the United States’ efforts in Haiti are rather unclear. I am sure that there is more that can be done, but the issue is a matter of organization. There are plenty of Americans within the government and outside of it who are motivated to help. I am just not sure that their efforts and energy are properly funneled.”

Jordan Raffety  
Political Science



“From what I know, we are doing a pretty good job. Especially with preventing the rioting, maintaining the peace and working with the government.”

Thane Armbruster  
Missouri Academy

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PUBLIC SAFETY

**Jan. 20**  
  
**Melissa A. Stroud,** 23, Maryville, driving while intoxicated, careless and impudent driving, 800 block of W. First St.

Careless and impudent driving, ongoing investigation, 200 block of E. Third St.

**Jan. 22**  
  
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**Chase S. Anderson,** 20, Maryville, minor in possession, peace disturbance, 500 block of E. Jenkins

**Christopher M. Frans,** 19, Maryville, minor in possession, peace disturbance, 500 block of E. Jenkins

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**Shannon E. Fitzgerald,** Maryville, collided with an unknown driver, at the intersection of E. Torrance and S. Main

STALKING: Social networking sites allow easy access to personal information

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networking site recommend allowing unlimited access to basic information such as a personality description, family and relationship information, work and education information and status updates. The policy also recommends keeping more personal information such as your birthday, religious and political views, hometown and photographs and videos of yourself private and limited to friends only.

While these sites have adopted policies to protect their users, Gunsolley believes the use of social networking sites allows stalkers too easy access to personal information. "Once you get yourself on there, (a social networking site) it is easy for anybody to find you," Gunsolley said. "I've had several people whose abusers pose as them to get access to their victim's information."

Nodaway County Sheriff Darren White agrees online protection is in the hands of the users themselves, and common sense is vital in deciding what personal information to share or what not to share over the Internet. "We try to teach these young people who are into Facebook and texting that the things you say, even jokingly, have a long lasting effect," White said. "It's not like when somebody steals something from you and there's a chance

of recovering it. Once something goes out on the Internet, it's there forever. There's no bringing it back." Gunsolley advises those who are being cyber stalked to make an attempt to change all contact information. "If somebody comes in here and they have a cell phone, we advise them to ditch the cell phone and get a Trac Phone or a new number," Gunsolley said. "We also advise them to change their E-mail addresses."

Gunsolley warns people not to disconsider the seriousness of the effects of stalking. "Stalking can lead to increased depression, fear and anxiety," Gunsolley said. "It can also cause eating problems." Gunsolley advises those looking for assistance in dealing with a stalker to contact Maryville Public Safety, Northwest Campus Police or the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri.

CAMPUS: School takes after Northwest employment program

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ing program that we have," McLain said. "A lot of universities have those components, but nothing's a structured program like what we have," McLain adds. Student Employment was marketed to the visitors as an opportunity for job-applicable experience for students and fresh ideas for university offices. But to the four Englishmen, a direct link was uncovered between the familial, communal aspect of Northwest and the involvement of students working side by side with faculty. "You're kind of all-embracing, which de-constructs the hierarchy that you see in other organizations," Brand said. "Everything seems a little more collaborative than what you'd see elsewhere." Paul Chapman, engagement manager at Birmingham City University Student Union noted a definite absence of graffiti and vandalism on campus. He claims this, too is a by-product of the Student Employment program. "I think you have a clear

vision and a clear set of values that everyone in the staff picks up on, and everyone else adheres to it," Chapman said. "It doesn't seem false. This is not a P.R. stunt - you can tell by the amount of people that have said, 'hello,' to us." Birmingham City University's location and set-up lend a "transitory" feel to the student community. Conversely, Northwest's disposition was that of intrinsic friendliness, and this friendliness did not go unnoticed. "We've met 60 people in two days and they are all enthusiasts," Luke Millard said. "But you all believe in it. This isn't some sort of flim-flam, this is genuine." All four visitors attest that their expectations were well exceeded, almost immediately. Their experiences will likely influence new implementations to their university's system. Consequently, additional visits to Northwest are not out of the question. "It's very promising, and this has demonstrated that this is a place that our University will want to continue to work with," Millard said.

INTERN: Leadership team focuses on future in Christ

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under him since I got here," Davis said. "I've matured under him." Nashleanas and his 14-person leadership team has a clear, God-focused plan for the future of FCA. Nashleanas is quick to point out that you can't have the Fellowship of Christian Athletes without Christ. "The gospel of Jesus Christ must be addressed in every single meeting, which is this: God made man with perfect value, dignity and worth in the beginning. Man chose things other than God, and because we have repeatedly chosen to place other things before God in our lives, we've separated ourselves from Him," Nashleanas explains. "But God sent His son Jesus to die for our wrong decisions. In that way, He would bring forgiveness to all who trust in Him." Of equal representation in the FCA is the core group of athletes present at every Monday

night fellowship meeting. Everyone is invited to attend, but the testimonies are clearly directed to the sports-oriented. The sports jargon isn't confusing enough to turn off non-athletes, FCA participants say. To them, it's a unique way of presenting their message. "There are so many parallels between sports and the Bible that a lot of people don't really realize," Adrienne Cornelius, freshman and member of the leadership team said. "Athletes have such a huge influence, and I think that's a super awesome opportunity to share the word of Jesus." Another deliberate athletic tie-in is the leadership team itself. Each member is a participating Northwest athlete, representing nearly every sport offered. At this point, FCA's next focus is getting students at Northwest and Maryville High School off the bench and at fellowship meetings.

HAITI: STATS holds fundraiser to send money, food to Haiti

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people to either bring two dollars or donate two articles of clothing, two canned goods, or two bottles of water. Participants were able to bring anything they wanted as long as it was in a pair, some people donated even more than requested. The organization has spent the past week getting everything set up and prepared for this week's fundraiser. "I'm not a baker, so I was sweating in the kitchen," Lucas said. "But in the end it's all well worth it." Those who volunteered to help out with the fundraising efforts are just happy to see the University giving to people in need. "It shows that people aren't selfish," Haitian American junior, Caleb Decius said. "Right now I'm proud of Northwest." With countries, colleges, organizations and people all over the world lending a hand to Haiti in its time of need, Northwest is also doing its part to help. "It just feels like human nature," Decius said. "When there's someone in need, you just reach out to help."

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HEATING BILLS | HOW TO SURVIVE THE WINTER

# BUDGET WOES

Local residents prepare to cope with rising heating bills

By Matthew Leimkuehler  
Chief Reporter

The element of cold is something that has knowingly plagued the city of Maryville this winter harder than in recent history. Along with cold comes higher heating bills which students and families struggle to pay.

Students who live off campus find themselves paying up to \$200 to \$300 throughout the winter months just to keep warm at night.

Junior Lauren Gobet and senior Stephanie Bruning are roommates off campus and find themselves battling the high price of heat this winter.

"Last year I had a brand new house, and it was a two story house and the electric bill was never over \$70," Gobet said. "This year we have an old house, and it has terrible windows. The heating bill was \$219 this month."

Bruning attempts to accomplish everything she can to conserve energy around the house to keep the electricity bill as low as possible for her electricity heated home.

"I try to be the electricity flea, we try to always keep the heat low," Bruning said.

Students tend to find difficulty budgeting when they plan for the year ahead. Most do not take into consideration the variety of heating costs in the winter.

"It's hard because you think you have an idea of what you're utilities will be at the beginning of the year and then you get a bill in December and you think, what the freak happened," Bruning said.

Permanent Maryville residents, such as Rose Viau and her family of five have taken necessary precautions against the blistering cold.

"We had the chance to do renovations and put in a lot of insulations. We

replaced a lot of windows and put in new doors. All those kinds of things that will help with your heating costs," Viau said.

Viau is thankful for getting the opportunity to prepare her home for such intense winter chills.

"I think it's really helped with the temperature. It must have been really, really cold in there," Viau said.

The Empire District Electric Company, Maryville's main home heat provider, lends words of advice to anyone who is struggling to pay the high heating bills.

"You just have to watch the thermostat. That may mean putting on an extra pair of socks and heavier sweater," Amy Bass, director of cooperate communications at Empire, said. "Install weather stripping around doors and windows so that you keep the drafts out."

Junior Chad Stephens, who lives in a two-bedroom gas powered house, takes

the proper precautions when saving energy, keeping his gas bill at an average of \$70 a month.

"For a while, we were just bundling up wearing sweatpants and sweatshirts, keeping the temperature at 76," Stephens said. "Now we just bite the bullet because we get so cold and move the dial."

Gobet and Bruning both feel as though it is the landlord's responsibility to help insulate the house properly for winter, something they have struggled with.

"We complain about the door and the windows, like in our room, you can put your hand up to the window and feel the cold air come in," Gobet said. "He just doesn't do much for us. We tried, we called. Some landlords are really good about it, just not ours."

Bruning has learned from her budgeting errors of the past two months.

"Budget for December," she said.

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CINDY FONSECA LOPEZ, a visiting Nicaraguan student, flips through scrapbook materials. The students' host family says they have been doing several activities with the kids, including watching movies and making trips to Wal-Mart.



photo by seth cook | editor in chief

NICARAGUAN STUDENT KATHERINNE Guindo Rodriguez makes a scrapbook with her cousin and fellow classmate Cindy Fonseca Lopez Tuesday night at their host family's home. Guindo Rodriguez says she has enjoyed her time here, and that the most joyful thing here has been her new family.

# Villa Sandino A LONG WAY FROM HOME Nicaragua

## A look inside a Maryville family who took in two visiting Nicaraguan students

By Brian Johnson  
Features Editor

Walking into the home of Susan and Ron Darnell, one thinks of the classic home that they can always go home to. There's a dog on the front porch, cats jumping from the couches and the smell of apple pie baking in the kitchen. There are decorative plates and plant decorations on the wall and it's very bright and cheerful.

This ideal home has been the home for the Darnell's three children for the past 17 years, but this past week, it has been the home to two new faces. They are Cindy Mitchell Fonseca Lopez, 15, and Katherinne Lusselly Guindo Rodriguez, 16, from Nicaragua.

These two have been invited into the home by the Darnells while they are here for a couple weeks studying at the university as part of the "Villa to 'Ville Initiative." They, along with two other families, have opened up their home to the Nicaraguan students. Susan said that she was told about it by her friends Terry and Shelly Robertson and that they wanted to do it simply because it sounded like fun.

"I've told everybody that if it were up to me, I'd keep them forever," Susan said.

The few days that the Darnells have spent with the girls have been pretty laid back but have been filled with great memories. When the girls' day is done, Susan said that they are usually pretty tired and they spend time just visiting and "trying to communicate" because the girls' primary language is Spanish.

"We bumble around a lot, and we approach it with different words and try different things," Susan said, referring to communication with the girls. "They might get a little frustrated."

This past weekend, the girls have been enjoying different activities such as bowling in St. Joseph and shopping at Wal-Mart, as evidenced by the girl's new purple outfits. Arden, the Darnell's daughter has fond memories of those trips.

"We've been to Wal-Mart quite a few times," Arden said with a big laugh.

"It's been really fun, it's been a different experience ... but we're having a good time."

The Darnell's other younger daughter, Veronica, or Ronnie as they call her, is a very shy person but within a couple days, she was snuggled in like "she had known them forever," Susan said.

There have been some adjustments that have had to be made when living in a new country, such as the temperature. Katherinne said that she does not like the cold, but she does like the snow.

"Snow yes, cold no," Katherinne said.

"That's been one of the biggest issues. They are very cold," Susan said with a laugh. "They come in and they don't want to go back out."

When asked about the food that they like, they are quick to point out that they don't like the lunch served at the high school.

"High school lunch no," both the girls said simultaneously, shaking their heads.

Some of the foods they do enjoy are broccoli, peanut butter, hamburgers and barbeque. In addition to eating foods they've never had before, the girls have enjoyed watching movies such as "Lizzie McGuire" and making scrapbooks.

"They're just sweethearts," Ron said, looking at the girls, while they blush and smile.

While the girls will go home this Saturday along with six other Nicaraguan students, they do mention some things that they will miss.

"My family, the high school, the University," Katherinne said, talking about the things she liked in Maryville.

While these guests in the Darnell house have only been here for a short time, the experience has left an impression on the family and the girls. So much so that the girls refer to the Darnell's as "my family." When asked about whether they will stay in contact with the girls after they leave, Susan smiled.

"I think so," Susan replied with a nod. "I need to learn to speak some Spanish."





Top 2 picks

By Brian Johnson
Features Editor

Coming to Theaters:
When In Rome opens Friday. Kristen Bell, the cutie of Forgetting Sarah Marshall fame is back in this romantic comedy. Directed by Mark Steven Johnson who wrote the screenplay for Simon Birch, the movie is about a girl on vacation in Rome who tries taking some coins out of a fountain of love in order to find a guy who will fall for her. However, she gets more than she anticipated as guys start following her all over Rome trying to win her. While you won't see this movie's name being tossed around at award ceremonies this year, it will be a good date movie and will make girls envious of Bell's beauty.



New Album to Check out: Chasing the Grail by Fozzy. While most of the world may know him as Chris Jericho, the professional wrestler, many may not know that he is also the lead singer of a respected metal band. Fozzy is Jericho's side project when he is not slamming opponents in the ring. He trades in his patented Walls of Jericho finishing move for a microphone and spandex on the band's fourth release. The album has received critical acclaim from Allmusic which gave it 3 1/2 out of 5 stars, which shows that the band is not a joke or as it's known in the wrestling world, a gimmick. Listeners are sure to find out that Jericho and his band take their music seriously.

STROLLER

Your Man is sticking it to the man



The Stroller

Why did students stop protesting? Throughout this country's history, it's been the responsibility of the youth to take a stand against society's ills, and to affect change whenever injustice rears its ugly head. In the eighties, protesting apparently became passé. Vietnam was old news. Hippies got haircuts and grown up jobs, trading political awareness for cocaine and stock tickers. Since then, we've been bludgeoned into a trance by years of reality television, talk radio and music by the likes of The Ting Tings. Meanwhile, our political discourse has been whittled down to a select few topics that won't make much difference in the long run. I believe it's time we take back our sacred duty as passionate, often ill-advised hordes of young folk, and make our opinions known. I'm not advocating anything they'll have to call in the National Guard for. If you're new to the process, it's really not complicated. Here's how they did it back in the day: 1. Ingest hallucinogens of your choosing.

- 2. Find an issue you feel strongly about.
- 3. Create signs and chants in support of, or against, said issue.
- 4. Take to the streets and/or peacefully occupy an academic building (this serves the dual purpose of canceling some classes until they manage to smoke you out with tear gas). Can't think of an issue? Protest the weather. Protest ConanGate. Protest the lack of quality hallucinogens available on campus. Protest the fact that Snookie and The Situation aren't legally barred from producing offspring.

Protest the fact that most of us probably won't have health insurance, or a job that pays much more than minimum wage, for at least a couple of years after we graduate. Protest how obnoxious and incompetent I am. Just get out there and rail against something, if only for railing's sake. If we continue to sit idly by as the events of the world unfold, then The Ting Tings have already won.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

REVIEW

Motion City Soundtrack looks for mainstream success

By Lori Frankenfield
Photography Editor

Motion City Soundtrack released their fourth studio album My Dinosaur Life on Jan. 19 from Columbia Records. The LP is filled with upbeat and sometimes humorous songs, which is something fans have grown to know and love from the band. Lead Vocalist, Justin Pierre's catchy choruses and explicit, yet sometimes funny verses will suck you in and get you singing along with every word, even along with a few serious and personal songs that show the other side of the band.

Their first single, Disappear, was released in Oct. as a free download on their Web site and finished the video on Nov. 19, before going on tour with Weezer in early December. Disappear is a song Pierre wrote about his years of battling drugs and alcohol and how he felt like he could hide behind all the substances. The song is very powerful and haunting with lyrics like Coursing through your interstates, all mad and great, confused and counterfeit. It is a song that can easily become an earworm and it can be seen climbing the charts for almost anyone to enjoy even with the intensity

of the songs subject. Their song Delirium reminded me of the movie One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest. The song sounds like it is about someone who is suffering from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder with lyrics like, There's a stain, there's a stain on the floor. I wanna soak, wanna scrub, wanna clean it, and more. The song has catchy lyrics and a great beat which shows how much the band is maturing, lyrically and instrumentally. This song shows how good these guys are at what they do by taking a serious subject and making it into a great song that

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ACROSS
1 Trip with much hardship
5 Ampule
9 Bikini blast, briefly
14 Prefix with port
15 FAQ responses, e.g.
16 Belittle
17 Send out
18 "Cosh darn it!"
19 Language that gives us "floe"
20 Music lessons for Bill Clinton?
23 Oscar-winning role for Forest
24 PC backup key
25 Corrosion-resistant metal
29 Letter flourish
31 Sgt. Snorkel's pooch
33 An A will usually raise it: Abbr.
34 Science opening?
36 Most congenial
39 Documentary about Chicago's relationship with its team?
42 Event with a piñata
43 Stuffing stuff
44 "Exodus" hero
45 At the top of the heap
47 Roman...thinly disguised fiction
51 Often scandalous book genre
54 Dawdle behind
56 Old name of Tokyo
57 More equitable of two civil case juries?
60 With alacrity
63 Ruminant
64 Prefix with devious
65 Its capital is Apia
66 Performing...
67 Despicable...
68 Almost boil
69 Political cartoonist
70 Israeli statesman
Weizman
DOWN
1 One of Luther's
95
2 Like "The Day the Earth Stood Still," in 2008
3 Alchemist's creation
4 Hawk family bird
5 High-tech invader
6 Of one mind
7 Aptly named shaving lotion
8 Became unhinged
9 Capital on the Red River
10 Govt. security
11 Ologist's concern
12 Org. dodged by draft dodgers
13 Driver's starting point
21 Take down
22 Did a laundry chore
26 a Kick Out of You: Cole Porter
27 -daisy!
28 Welcome spot
30 "What You Need" band
32 Carryalls
35 Lacking capacity
37 2002 movie with Manny the Mammoth
38 Newspaper concern, esp. lately
39 Bold Ruler, to Secretariat
40 Versailles eye
41 Schedules of problems to be dealt with
42 More than plump
46 Jenna of "Dharma & Greg"
48 Musical based on an 1862 novel, for short
49 Safe to put away
50 More artful
52 Henry Blake's title on "M\*A\*S\*H"
53 Good place to get?
55 "Give it \_\_\_!"
58 Surrounding glow
59 Uninhibited party
60 The law, according to Mr. Bumble
61 Lobbying gp.
62 Org. for GPs
Wednesday's Puzzle Solved
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IKEA RHEA AREAS
FERN YEARN NEXUS
GED VINEWINE
GRASSGAS EGESTS
PEC MER MAR MSS
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people would want to listen to over and over again. One of their more humorous songs on the album is "Atat," which is a song about people who start drama and people who are hypocrites. The song is one of the most explicit songs on the album but it is probably the one to put you in the best mood. I couldn't help laugh along with the song and tap my toes at the same time. It carries a great beat and inspiring guitar riffs. This song is hands down my favorite song on the album. One of the most heartfelt songs is "Skin and Bones" which is a mellow yet nega-

tive view that some of us have in life when we feel like we are all alone and wondering if everything will work out and if we will be okay after all the bad things are done. Pierre does a great job with this song with relating to his fan base making it feel like he is writing to you. This album is easily one of the best of the year so far and is full of pop-punk melodies that are hard to stop listening to. This is going to be Motion City Soundtrack's breakout to the mainstream and this is the album that is going to get them noticed on a much bigger scale.

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COLUMN

College drinking game makes splash

By Tony Botts  
Comm. Sports Editor

Over the last two decades there is truly one game that has risen to a level of unprecedented glory across college campuses: Beer Pong or BP.

It's such a simple game that involves poetic teamwork with your trusted Pong partner and elegant grace; finding that perfect release to hit the game ending cup, or the precisely placed bounce to break the spirits of opposing players.

Players have changed through the years to incorporate a sense of personal style. They have developed different styles of shots from the line drive to the rainbow to adding distinct spin techniques such as the back-spinners, top-spinners and side-winders.

It is nearly impossible to say that the game of BP has not become a staple of American college life, as well as in the secluded basements and garages of high schoolers, whose parents graced them with their absence for a weekend.

BP is not just a game that students use to consume excessive amounts of cheap beer; but it has now become a form of artistic expression. Tables have evolved from anything involving pieces of plywood and folding tables to prized pieces of art; slaved over for hours, decorated in a wide range of things satisfying the artist's taste.

While this game can be found in almost every residential building across a college campus from the fraternity houses to the cramped apartments, the game has spread to a much bigger and

more publicized stage.

The World Series of Beer Pong in Las Vegas, as publicized by Rick Reilly of ESPN, has become the Beer Pong mecca of the world. The game has transcended from a college drinking game to the official sport of the weekend warrior. People can literally live the dream now; get paid to drink.

The winners of the tournament receive a check for \$50,000. This year's champs successfully defended their crown from last year. As a pair, the two have won more money playing drinking games in the previous two years, than most school teachers make in the same amount of time.

What's next you ask? The Olympics? I say, Why not? I mean, they already let in badminton and table tennis and successfully nixed baseball and softball,

which is still a joke. I would love to see Team USA battling the likes of Germany, Ireland or even Britain for the spot atop the Olympic podium.

I'm thinking someone, somewhere, has made a killing off of showing hours and hours of poker, featuring players named Jesus and Mike "The Mouth" Matusow. So what's stopping someone from airing hours and hours of intense, ESPN Classic bound games of BP?

The game of Beer Pong has single handedly changed the college party scene. It has legitimized itself as a sport of the future with an unending mass of followers. Heck, they made a channel devoted to golf. I don't see any reservations stopping someone making a 24-hour channel devoted to college's No. 1 sport.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

Who do you think the Chiefs should pick in the first round of the draft?



"Tim Tebow. Chiefs need offense and Tebow is a great offensive quarterback."

**Billy Janson**  
*Missouri Academy*



"Dez Bryant WR - OSU. Chiefs need some sure hands at the wide receiver spot and Bryant would provide that quality."

**Brandon Meseberg**  
*Biology*



"Toby Gerhardt - Stanford RB. Chiefs need another running back to get a great one-two punch with Jamaal Charles."

**Cam Hill**  
*Middle School Education*



"Mike Peterson. He's a good football player and he is from Northwest."

**Kathleen McDonnell**  
*Accounting*

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

**Brian "The Bulldog's" picks**  
**Prediction record (1-3)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Duke at FSU — Seminoles  
I'm a huge Seminole basketball supporter and trust me this is a game you are going to want to check up on. The 'Noles always play the Dukies close and have even been known to snatch an upset or two on the way. FSU is close to becoming an elite program. Unfortunately for them they play in the ACC, so it may take a while.

**NCAA Upset**  
Kansas State at Nebraska — Red  
The next Big 12 team to fall is K-State. After the 'Cats upset KU, watch for the unsuspecting Huskers to pull off the shocker.

**Jason's Picks**  
**Prediction record (2-2)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Kansas at Kansas St. — KU  
I never get to pick my team, but finally the chance has come. KSU is coming off a loss to unranked Oklahoma State and Kansas has gotten hot again since their loss to Texas. The 'Hawks will be out to prove they're the best team in the state this year. Rock Chalk!

**NCAA Upset**  
Wake Forest at GA Tech — Wake  
Georgia Tech is coming off a loss to a Florida State team that they should have beat and Wake knocked off UNC last week, so I'd give the upperhand to the team that picked up a couple big wins last week.

**Tony's Picks**  
**Prediction record (2-2)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Wisc. at Purdue — Boilermakers  
The Boilermakers seem to be bouncing back from a train wrecked three-game skid. Posting back to back wins against Michigan and Illinois, Robbie Hummel and the rest of Boilermakers hope to avenge an early season loss to Wisconsin in this home matchup. Purdue keeps chuggin' along in this one.

**NCAA Upset**  
Vanderbilt at Kentucky — Vandy  
Vanderbilt will take advantage of Kentucky being surrounded by the media hype coming off their sloppy loss to South Carolina. Like Texas after their fall from the top, Kentucky's struggles will continue.

**Dustin's Picks**  
**Prediction record (3-1)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Duke at Georgetown — Duke  
Coach K and the Blue Devils rolled over a ranked Clemson on the road last week, and will continue to knock-off ranked teams on the road against the Hoyas.

**NCAA Upset**  
Kansas at K-State — K-State  
I know the Jayhawks are 24-25 at Blamlage Coliseum, but that one loss came just two years ago. Granted the Wildcat's had Michael Beasley, who is one of the most dominate college basketball players of my lifetime. A year after Beasley the 'Cats are strong again and can take the 'Hawks at home.


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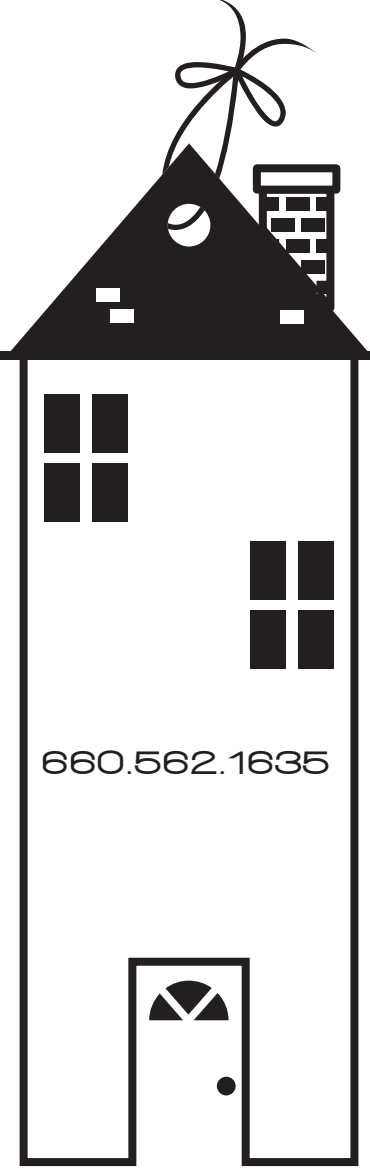
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BOYS’ BASKETBALL

SENIOR FORWARD KEENAN Joiner goes for a lay-up in the ‘Hounds 50-46 loss to Lafayette. Joiner led all scorers with 18 points.



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Gritty comeback falls short in OT loss

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

The Spoofhound boys’ basketball team suffered its second loss of the season in overtime Tuesday night. The game started fast and strong for Lafayette and it appeared they weren’t looking back. After struggling to keep up with Lafayette in the first half of Tuesday’s contest the ‘Hounds slowly started clawing their way back into the game. The 12-point lead at halftime began to shrink for the Fighting Irish. As time began to

melt off the clock in the fourth quarter you could feel the momentum switching over to the ‘Hounds. The fourth quarter comeback was sparked by the play of two seniors Adam Thomson and Keenan Joiner, who had been kept quite for most of the first half. Maryville’s two big me combined for 20 of the ‘Hounds 26 second half points. Joiner ended the night with 18 points to lead all scorers. Thomson contributed 13 points to the ‘Hounds efforts. The ‘Hounds second half defense also

played a large role in the comeback. After giving up 29 first half points the ‘Hounds limited the high-powered Irish offense to only 14 second half points. The only Irish player to score points in the fourth quarter was junior Ian Toalson. He scored the Irish’s six points in the final quarter. Toalson scored 17 points against the ‘Hounds. He also put on a show for the crowd with two dunks in the contest. With only minutes remaining in the game, the ‘Hounds cut the lead to six and after a few key

defensive stops the lead was only two. Finally with 40 seconds on the clock senior Josh Elliott pushed the game to overtime. Elliott’s second basket of the night evened the score 43-43. Overtime started much like the game started for ‘Hounds. The Irish scored seven unanswered points before Tyler Peve hit the ‘Hound’s only shot as the buzzer sounded. Lafayette claimed the overtime victory 50-46. Next the ‘Hounds take on East Buchanan at 5 p.m. today at Maryville High School.

WRESTLING

‘Hounds finish second at MEC tournament

By Tony Botts  
Comm. Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds placed eight wrestlers in the top three during Saturday’s Midland Empire Conference tournament, including two second place finishers and two individual champions. Dannen Merrill, 125 lbs., and Bryce Alexander, 160 lbs, defended their conference titles from last year, and helped to lead their team to second. Merrill pinned four of his five opponents while Alexander pinned three of his opponents and earned a bye and an injury default also. Merrill’s first opponent proved to be his only close match of the day, forcing Merrill to wrestle all three period. The match ended in an 11-5 decision in favor of the third ranked and undefeated

Merrill. Alexander, the top ranked wrestler at 160 lbs. in Class 1, did not see the third period in any of the three matches ending in pins. With the slew of top three finishers, head coach Joe Drake was pleased with his team’s overall performance, but not satisfied. “For the most part we wrestled fairly well,” Drake said. “It’s just that we’re disappointed because we lead for most of the tournament and we kind of let it slip away from us right there at the end, so we’re disappointed that we didn’t go ahead and take first. But, as a group we wrestled fairly well. We just had some individuals that didn’t quite do as well as we thought they might and I think they are disappointed in their own performance. That was the difference at the end of the day.”

Merrill shared many of the same feelings as Drake, including the disappointment of second place. “It’s kind of satisfying when we’re the smallest school at the tournament, going out there and competing with the bigger class schools,” Merrill said. “But at the same time getting second twice in a row is dissatisfying because we’re so close but we still fail.” Drake also said leaving three open weight classes also hurt their chances of capturing this year’s conference title. By day’s end, Cameron High School locked up the conference championship, finishing 14 points ahead of Maryville. The team now focuses their attention to this weekend’s Quad State Tournament, at Maryville High School. The tournament features 11 schools from four states including a Millard South



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SENIOR JASON DAVIS attempts to roll over a St. Joseph Lafayette opponent in the Midland Empire Conference Tournament hosted by Maryville High School on Saturday. Davis took third place in the 285 weight class, helping the ‘Hounds to a second place finish in the tournament.

Neb. squad. “Millard South, again, will be a dominant team in our upcoming tournament,” Drake said. “They’re a dominant team at the state level for them in their

home state. The tournament as usual is going to be really tough. It’s a very tough tournament and everyone seems to enjoy it because the competition is so good during the tournament.”

NORTHWEST

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Elijah Allen



Junior forward Elijah Allen recorded a career-high 26 points on 10 of 12 shooting from the field in the Bearcats’ 88-63 loss on Wednesday to Missouri Southern. He followed it up with a 19 point, 10 rebound performance in Northwest’s 84-79 victory over Emporia St. on Sunday.

Abby Henry



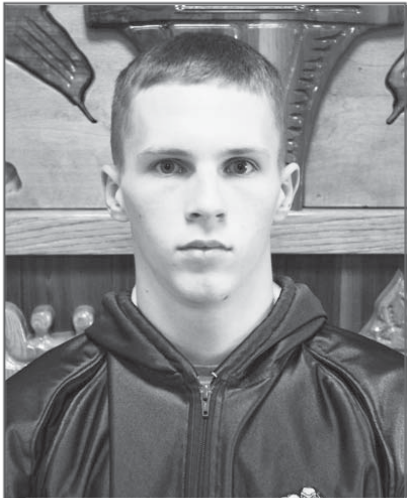
Sophomore point guard Abby Henry recorded her fourth straight game of at least 25 points by scoring 26 points in Northwest’s 91-62 loss to Emporia St. on Sunday. She scored a team-leading 25 points on Wednesday in the ‘Cats’ 79-74 win over Southwest Baptist.

Meridee Scott



Senior point guard Meridee Scott led the Spoofhounds to a 74-26 blowout of Auburn, Neb. on Monday night. She scored a game-high 24 points in the victory and keyed the ‘Hounds defense in the second quarter. Maryville built a 39-16 halftime lead.

Dannen Merrill



Senior Dannen Merrill helped lead his team to a back-to-back second place finishes in the Midland Empire Conference Tournament. Merrill pinned four of his five opponents in the 125 lbs weight class and contributed 34 team points. Senior teammate Bryce Alexander also won his respective weight class, 160 lbs.

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WRESTLING CLUB

“Tradition restored” for ‘Cats 2 decade absence

By Brian Bosiljevac  
University Sports Editor

Saturday night put an end to one long sporting drought at Northwest. The Bearcat wrestling club welcomed the Kansas State Wildcats for the first wrestling match held in Bearcat Arena for 23 years. The theme of the dual was “Tradition Restored” and approximately 250 spectators entered Bearcat Arena to watch the dual. “It was an amazing experience,” head coach Nic Brent said. Brent is also a student at Northwest. “There is no other way to explain how I was feeling that day. It really was just a dream come true for me.” The reintroduction to wrestling to the Northwest campus has been four years in the making for the club.

“It started back in 2005 with a lot of help from our sponsor, Loren Butler,” Brent said. “It started by just getting a team built up. Then Jason Sack helped us lock up Bearcat Arena. Then it came down to sending the invite to Kansas State. Luckily they accepted and helped bring it back home for us.” The University’s wrestling debut couldn’t have gone better for the Bearcats who took the dual down to the wire against the four-time National Collegiate Wrestling Association conference champions. Sophomore Jordan Peter sealed the match for the Bearcats. Peter took down Eric Rolston of Kansas State at the 2:06 mark in the final match of the competition. Peter is currently ranked 18th at 165 pounds in the NCWA rankings.



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FRESHMAN JACOB MERCER strains to turn his opponent. Mercer’s win helped the Northwest Wrestling Club win 28-20 over Kansas State in their first home meet in 23 years.

Next the sophomore sets his sights on becoming a NCWA All-American, Brent said. If you weren’t able make the match, don’t worry you shouldn’t have to wait another 23 years to see the ‘Cats in action. Brent and the rest of the Bearcat

wrestling club is determined to continue the growth of their program. “It’s not 100 percent yet, but we are hoping to come back home for another dual on February 17,” Brent said. “We are waiting for the thumbs up from Wichita State, Kansas or Kansas State.”

TWO SPORT:  
Competition brings out the best in athlete

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downs. He was the team’s second leading receiver behind All-American Jake Soy while averaging over 15 yards per reception. On the track, Shaw flew past the competition, capturing fourth in the 110-meter hurdles in the outdoor championships and second in the 60-meter hurdles during the indoor championships, becoming an All-American in both events. Both coaches said that Shaw not only embraces the highest level of competition he can find, he strives once he finds it. “The tougher the competition, the harder it is, the better he usually is,” Tjeerdsma said. “I think that was one of the things that helped him this year to make the contribution he did. A lot of the times as a redshirt freshman you can’t do that, but at the level that we play at, especially in the playoffs, he was never awed by the competition.”

For Shaw, competing against the best competition not only brings out the best in him, but gives him a feeling with no other substitute. “It’s pretty much a rush. It’s a thrill,” Shaw said. “If you beat the person ahead of you, it’s just like saying you’re better than that person. You always want to be better than you are, so the competition makes you strive to bring out the best in your ability. It’s pretty much an adrenaline rush.” With a National Championship in hand for football already, Shaw has his sights on running away with a National Championship on the track later this spring.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

‘Cats come from behind, await top five opponent

By Jason Lawrence  
Sports Editor

The Bearcats halted a three-game losing skid, picking up a 84-79 come-from-behind win over Emporia State Saturday. “It was big, not only for confidence, but for the conference tournament,” head coach Ben McCollum said. “We had to win that game to have a chance to make the tournament, especially since Emporia State was tied with us. That was a huge win and hopefully it’ll give us

some momentum going in to Washburn.” The Hornets jumped out to a big lead early, leading the Bearcats by 16 with 8:16 remaining in the first period. “Early on, Emporia was just hitting jump shots,” McCollum said. “Eventually, you’re going to stop hitting those. They weren’t getting easy buckets and all of their jumpers were contested. They kept taking them and eventually they started missing and then we made our run after that.” Northwest cut the half-

time deficit to just three after going on a 20-7 run to close the half. The second half was a different story. It featured five lead changes and two ties. The ‘Cats took the lead for good at 72-70 with 2:35 remaining in the game on a lay-up by junior forward Elijah Allen. “We just wanted it more and refused to lose,” McCollum said. “We kept competing and maintained our poise which we hadn’t done on the road up to that point.” Northwest led by as

many as 10 points down the stretch and held on by shooting free-throws to close out the game. Allen recorded his third career double-double by scoring a team-high 19 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. “He’s been great all year long,” McCollum said. “We just always get on him to pick up the defensive intensity. When he does that, it seems that the offensive end comes with it. If we could have that consistently out of him, we’ll be tough to beat.” Sophomore forward Jake

Reinders scored a career-high 15 points. Senior point guard Girod Adams chipped in 14. The ‘Cats played at Washburn last night. Results were not available as of press time. They hit the court next against No. 5 Fort Hays State. Tip-off is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena. “I’m excited for that game,” McCollum said. “I just think it’s always fun because you have nothing to lose when you play a top five team in the country.”



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## All-American uses speed to transition from football to track

By Tony Botts  
Comm. Sports Editor

In order to be the best, you have to beat the best. For one Northwest athlete, that meant he had to earn a lot of bragging rights from most of his family tree, including the reigning champ; his mom.

It took him 16 years to beat his mother in a foot race, but it was the first time he realized he possessed his sprinting ability.

As the old sports cliché says, ‘You can’t teach speed,’ but one can always be taught how to use that rare gift.

For RS-FR. Tyler Shaw, speed is one of the many gifts that set him apart from the average athlete.

Growing up in St. Louis, Shaw was a fan of the “Fastest Show on Turf” known as the St. Louis Rams. On a team filled with deep threats that wreaked

havoc for any defensive coordinator, Shaw always admired the things Torrey Holt did.

On the gridiron, he uses his game breaking speed, much like his childhood hero Holt, to stretch the field and leave slow-footed safeties in his dust. Transitioning to the track, his speed propelled him to All-American status as a true freshman.

“He’s one of the few freshman I have ever had come out and perform up to their capabilities right away,” head track coach Scott Lorek said. “Most freshman take awhile to adjust to things like that. He just stepped right in and really got right to it. He carries himself with a lot of confidence. Not a cockiness at all, but just a lot of confidence. He knows what he can do and he is very focused with what he is doing too.”

Where many incoming freshman struggle, Shaw has

proved he was well prepared as well as gifted, to take on the new level of competition. In high school, Shaw’s speed was showcased against far less athletic cornerbacks and safeties. He said that kids in high school played for fun, but young men in college played because it was their job.

On the track, one of the biggest obstacles most hurdlers must overcome is the difference in hurdle heights. Where others have struggled, Lorek said Shaw has not only shined, but has improved his times from high school when most see a drop off.

His success however, did not come purely on natural talent. Shaw said he relied on his work ethic that pushed him to perform not only on game days and at meets, but during practices every day.

“He’s a great competitor on

the field which is obvious when you watch him in track,” head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. “The thing I like about him is he is doing everything he can to make himself better all the time.”

Tjeerdsma described Shaw’s speed as a problem for opposing defenses and was the first thing he noticed about the young wide out.

“If you have guys out there on the perimeter that can run, it really creates problems,” Tjeerdsma said. “That’s the thing, not only can he run but he’s a legitimate receiver. He catches the ball really well and runs good routes, and he’s learning. You can’t say enough about what he brings to the team.”

What he brought to the team was 53 receptions and over 800 yards with six touch-

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### GIRLS’ BASKETBALL



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SENIOR GUARD EMILY Kisker blows past an Auburn defender on her way toward the basket in the ‘Hounds 74-26 rout. Kisker scored 11 points on three field goals and was 4-of-4 from the free throw line.

## ‘Hounds overcome sloppy start, punish Auburn defensively

By Jason Lawrence  
Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds put the game out of reach and coasted to a 74-26 victory over visiting Auburn, Neb. Monday night.

“We did a better job of attacking the lane,” head coach Grant Hageman said. “We finally got to see some man-to-man, so we got to work on some things.”

Maryville gave up only 10 field goals in the contest, rarely even letting the Bulldogs get across half court.

The ‘Hounds jumped on Auburn early, getting the first nine points of the game from senior point guard Meridee Scott.

Maryville got sloppy and let the Bulldogs claw back into it. They led by five after the first quarter.

“It was a little sluggish,” Hageman said. “All the excuses of a Monday and really there’s no excuse for it. We didn’t do a good job taking care of the ball, for the most part. We just weren’t ready to go right away.”

Hageman dialed up the press to start the second quarter, going on an 11-0 run.

“I thought we did a better job rotating with our defense and did a little better job pressuring the ball,”

Hageman said. “It was kind of a lax effort to start the game and we didn’t force a lot of turnovers. Defensively in the second half we pressured the ball and forced some bad decisions by them.”

The Spoofhounds led 39-15 at halftime. Scott scored 17 of her game-high 24 points in the first half.

“She did a good job,” Hageman said. “I’ve been getting on her about being more aggressive and taking the ball to the rim and getting to the free throw line. I think she took that to heart and did a good job of that tonight.”

Maryville went on another run to open the third quarter, extending their lead to 47-15 and getting the running clock.

Auburn had their highest scoring quarter of the game, getting nine points in the third to cut the lead to 63-24.

Maryville gave up only one more score in the game, with their reserves in for most of the fourth quarter.

Senior guard Emily Kisker chipped in 11 points and junior guard Molly Stiens added 10 for the Spoofhounds.

The ‘Hounds hit the road Friday and take on the Savages at 5 p.m. at Savannah High School.

### WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

## ‘Cats hope to learn from loss to Emporia, focused on final 8 games

By Brian Bosiljevac  
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After back-to-back road games against nationally ranked opponents, the Northwest women’s basketball team will return home.

The Bearcat’s (10-8, 6-5) four game win streak was finally put to an end Saturday by Emporia State (17-1, 10-1).

Before the loss, the ‘Cats managed to stay in the win column ever since Jan. 9.

The Hornets defeated the

‘Cats 91-62. The game served revenge for Emporia who suffered its only loss of the season to the ‘Cats on December 2nd.

“I think it came as a respect thing for us,” freshman Monai Douglass said. “We came in knowing they were the No. 5 team in the country and No. 1 in conference. But we came in and thought well we beat them once, we can do it again. But they came out and definitely hit us in the mouth.”

Head coach Gene Stein-

meyer hopes the loss can be used as a learning experience for his young team.

“Getting beat by the fifth ranked team is not a crime,” Steinmeyer said. “When you win four in a row and then get beat by 29 everyone thinks the sky is falling, but it’s not. When you’re a young team and something like this happens, if you learn from it it’s a positive experience. If practice is any indication then I think they took it as a learning experience.”

Following the Emporia game, the ‘Cats battled their fifth ranked opponent this season on Wednesday.

Washburn handed the ‘Cats a 67-54 loss in Bearcat Arena earlier this season.

The ‘Cats hit the road to take on the Lady Blues in Topeka, Kan. Washburn is ranked No. 15 in the country.

The ‘Cats chances of coming away with a victory will continue to grow if sophomore Abby Henry keeps posting high scoring totals.

The point guard tallied 26 points in the loss to Emporia, marking her fourth consecutive game with 25 points or more.

“It’s such a fine line,” Steinmeyer said. “We say Abby we need some balance. Okay so does Abby quit shooting? Well she better not or I’ll kill her. You don’t want to stop Abby from looking to score, but as a point guard you also want her to get others involved.”

The results from the Washburn game were unavailable at

press time.

Steinmeyer says it’s the games after Washburn that are most important to finishing what he calls “the race to eight.”

That’s the race to finish in the top eight in conference play. Only the top eight of the 11 MIAA teams will qualify for the MIAA Tournament in Kansas City, Mo.

The “race to eight” begins Saturday when the ‘Cats take on Fort Hays State at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Bearcat Arena.